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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....200,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent.

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Acting Chief-Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No, 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF JAPANESE WARE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, ON

THURSDAY, the 4th January, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.—
A Choice Collection of JAPANESE CURIOS, Kaga & Kioto Ware, Bronzes, Fine Red Lacquered Ware, Tortoise-shell Ware, Toilet Sets, &c., &c.

Also, A Fine Inlaid Cloisonne Brass Drum and Stand.

Catalogues will be issued, and the Goods will be on view on Wednesday, the 3rd January.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Wharf, on SATURDAY,

the 6th January, 1877, at Noon.—Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract,

ONE STEAM LAUNCH, belonging to the Estate of the late Mr SAMUEL EASTON.

BUILT OF IRON, FOUR YEARS OLD.—87-feet Long, 7 feet Beam, 3 feet Deep, with Ayring, &c. Engine, 6 inch Stroke, 7 inch Diameter; Boiler, Tubular, 8 feet Long, 2 feet 10 in. in Diameter; Feed Pump, Water Tanks, &c.

The Launch may be inspected by intending purchasers where it now lies, at CAUSEWAY BAY, East Point.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer. The Vessels to be at the purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at

reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND

STEVEDORE,

No. 67, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF

COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH

PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,

ESSEN (Germany.)

SOLE AGENT FOR CHINA,

F. PEIL,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE

(Germany.)

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE CONCERT advertised for THURSDAY, 4th Instant, is unavoidably

Postponed till further notice.

The usual weekly Meeting for practice

will take place on THURSDAY Next, at

8 past 6 o'clock p.m.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

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HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC

ROOMS,

CORNER OF WYNDHAM AND WELLINGTON

STREETS, AND NEARLY OPPOSITE

THE GERMAN CLUB.

INTENDING Sitters who would prefer

to avail themselves of Mr EVERITT's services before he leaves the Colony, are respectfully informed that his engagement

with us expires shortly.

HONGKONG PHOTO. COMPANY,

Hongkong, December 30, 1876.

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HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th

Instant till the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,

Manager,

Hongkong, December 4, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAFHER,

by appointment to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,

Governor of Hongkong;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

HAS on hand the Largest and Best

Collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of

assorted sizes. Photographs enlarged from

C. D. V. size to life size and coloured in

oil. A new apparatus for Photography has

been received from England; it is prepared

to take Photos of Buildings and interiors

at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1877.

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HONGKONG.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE

DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the

honour to inform those Persons who

wish to take part in the intended Exhibi-

tion, that they will find at the Consulate

all Information and Particulars they may

require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul,

Hongkong, December 16, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend of \$1.50 per Share,

declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held

to-day will be payable at the HONGKONG

& SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on

and after the 10th Proximo. Shareholders

are requested to apply at the Secretary's

Office for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 26, 1876.

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HONGKONG.

Intimations.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

TOYS! TOYS!

OUR SEASON'S TOYS HAVE ARRIVED, THE BEST ASSORTMENT EVER SHOWN IN THE EAST.

WINTER SEASON.

OUR STOCK IN EVERY DEPARTMENT IS WELL ASSORTED.

IN THE DRESS DEPARTMENT WILL BE FOUND EVERY NEW MATERIAL SUITABLE FOR WINTER WEAR.

MADE-UP COSTUMES IN A VARIETY OF NEW MATERIALS. THE LATEST LONDON AND PARIS STYLES.

DRESSING GOWNS, MORNING WRAPPERS.

SILKS, SILKS.

THIS DEPARTMENT DESERVES SPECIAL NOTE, ALTHOUGH PRICES HAVE ADVANCED ABOUT 60 PER CENT. IN THE HOME MARKET, WE CONTINUE TO SELL AT OLD PRICES.

RICH BLACK AND COLOURED SILKS WARRANTED TO WEAR WELL.

A WONDERFULLY GOOD BLACK SILK AT 85cts. PER YARD.

RICH BLACK AND COLOURED SATINS.

JAPANESE SILKS. THE YEDO AND MIKADO MAKES.

BLACK AND COLOURED SILK VELVETS AND VELVETEENS.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES AND JACKETS.

TRIMMED HATS AND BONNETS, THE LATEST PARIS STYLES.

UNTRIMMED FELT HATS AND BONNETS.

RIBBONS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACES.

KID GLOVES, 1, 2, AND 4 BUTTONS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDER-CLOTHING, BABY LINEN.

WHITE AND COLOURED FLANNELS, CALICOES, LONG-CLOTHES, BOOTS AND SHOES.

MILKWEED AND DRESSMAKING.

TOYS, TOYS.

SAYLE & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, QUEEN'S ROAD & STANLEY STREET.

JUST RECENT.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CELEBRATED TOILET REQUISITES "AMYCOOS."

IT IS AN EXCELLENT COSMETIC.

A HAIR RESTORER IT IS UNRIVALLED.

AS A MOUTH WASH IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE, MAKING THE BREATH FRAGRANT, AND PRESERVING AND WHITENING THE TEETH.

IT REMOVES PIMPLES OR ERUPTIONS OF THE SKIN.

AND IS A POWERFUL DISINFECTANT.

Sole Agent.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG,
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12, 1876.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMERS & CO. CELEBRATED BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS.

APPLY TO GLEMSSEN & CO., HONGKONG, JUNE 22, 1876.

NOW READY.

THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA, AND ITS AFFINITIES WITH THAT OF THE ARIAN AND SEMITIC RACES.

BY N. B. DENNYS, PH.D.

"INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING ENOUGH TO COMMAND A READY SALE."—DAILY PRESS.

FOR SALE

MEATLAND, CRAWFORD & CO.; LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.; FALCONER & CO.; MULKERN, FRICKEL & CO.; GAUFF & CO., AND KEUSE & CO., OR CAN BE HAD OF THE AUTHOR, AT THE CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

LONDON, ... TRUENER & CO. SHANGHAI, ... MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH, Price—Half Bound Road, \$2.00. Paper Covers, \$1.60. HONGKONG, DECEMBER 13, 1876.

S. A. M. H. I. N. G. S. T. U. L. T. Z. S.

CHRISTY'S HATS, IN NEW STYLES. NEW TWEEBS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

WOOLLEN, COTTON, AND CASHMERE SOCKS.

CRICKET & KRICKET-BECKER STOCKINGS.

LAMBSWOOL UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

BLANKETS AND RUGS.

TAPETRY CARPETS, IN GREAT PATTERNS.

REPAIR WINDOW CURTAINS.

DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, AND NAP-

KINS.

FURNITURE CHINTZ.

KID & WOOLEN GLOVES, IN ALL COLOURS.

88 & 90, QUEEN'S ROAD.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 27, 1876.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARS MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS WILL BE HELD AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL ON FRIDAY, THE 26TH INSTANT, AT 3.30 P.M.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 12TH TO THE 26TH INSTANT, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

SECRETARY.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 3, 1877.

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GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

L. AND C. CRAWFORD & CO. WILL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IN THEIR SALE ROOM, FRIDAY, ON

FRIDAY,

THE 5TH JANUARY, 1877, AT NOON.

OLIVER'S STORES, MUSCATEL AND SULTANE RASINS, TAPIOCO, JAMS, JELLIEN, CHEESE,

AN INVOICE OF JESSON AND NICHOLSON'S PAINTS, CONSISTING OF: WHITE LEAD, GREEN PAINT, COPAL AND CARRIAGE VARNISH, DARK AND LIGHT OAK COLOR, TURPENTINE.

AN ASSORTMENT OF TOYS.

ALSO,

80 CASKS BOTTLED PALE ALE, BY IND.

COOPE & CO.

2 KILDEER BEER.

ALSO,

TERMS OF SALE.—CASH BEFORE DELIVERY.

MEXICO DOLLARS, WEIGHED AT 7.17

AT TWO OR LOTS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND ERRORS

AT 10% ADDITIONAL, AT PURCHASER'S RISK ON THE

CARRIAGE.

3, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE STEAMSHIP

"NAMOA"

Capt. WESTROP, WILL BE

DESPATCHED FOR THE ABOVE PORTS

ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH INSTANT, AT 2 P.M.

FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE, APPLY TO

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 3, 1877.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 41 AMERICAN BARQUE

"ANTIOUCH."

THOMAS MERRILL, MASTER,

WILL LOAD HERE FOR THE ABOVE

PORT, AND WILL HAVE EARLY

DESPATCH.

FOR FREIGHT, APPLY TO

RUSSELL & CO.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 3, 1877.

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FOR THE ENGLISH PACKET.

THE ENGLISH CONTRACT PACKET

"KASHGAR,"

WILL BE DESPATCHED WITH THE MAIL

FOR EUROPE, &c., ON THURSDAY,

THE 4TH JANUARY.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE HOURS OF CLOSING

THE MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD,

5 A.M., MONEY ORDER OFFICE CLOSES.

6 P.M., POST OFFICE CLOSES EXCEPT THE NIGHT

BOX, WHICH REMAINS OPEN ALL NIGHT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH,

7 A.M., POST OFFICE OPENS FOR SALE OF

STAMPS, REGISTRY OF LETTERS, AND

POSTING OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

10 A.M., POST OFFICE CLOSES EXCEPT FOR LATE

LETTERS.

REGISTRY OF LETTERS CLOSES.

10.15 A.M., LETTERS MAY BE POSTED WITH

LATE FEE OF 18 CENTS EXTRA

TO POSTAGE.

11 A.M., WHEN THE POST OFFICE CLOSES

ENTIRELY.

11.30 A.M., LETTERS (BUT LETTERS ONLY)

ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

VIA BRINDISI OR TO SINGAPORE MAY

BE POSTED ON BOARD THE PACKET WITH

LATE FEE OF 48 CENTS EXTRA POSTAGE,

TILL

11.50 A.M., WHEN THE MAIL IS FINALLY

CLOSED.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27, 1876.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

JAN. 2, TELEGRAPH, SIAMESE BARQUE, 827,

BERANDON, BANGKOK, OCT. 22, TEAK AND

SAPANWOOD.—SIEMREAP & CO.

JAN. 3, PENG-CHAU-HAI, FROM CHUNG CHOW,

JAN. 3, AUGUSTA, GERMAN BRIG, 274, P.

RHS, NEWCASTLE, (N. S. W.) NOV. 4, COAL.

—RUSSELL & CO.

JAN. 3, CITY OF TOKIO, AMERICAN STEAMER,

3800, MASTERS, SAN FRANCISCO DEC. 2, AND

YOKOHAMA 27, 11 PKGS, MAIL, \$632.117.24

TREASURE, AND 6411 TONS GENERAL—P. M.

S. S. CO.

JAN. 3, DOUGLAS, BRITISH STEAMER, 804,

BURIE, FOOCHOW DEC. 31, AMOY JAN. 1,

SWATOW, 2, GENERAL—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

JAN. 3, FUYU, CHINESE STEAMER, 920,

A, CROAD, SHANGHAI DEC. 30, SWATOW JAN.

2, GENERAL—O. M. S. N. CO.

DEPARTURES.

JAN. 3, BOWEN, FOR AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

3, LIMA, FOR MANILA.

3, MALACCA, FOR YOKOHAMA.

3, ATAKLANTA, FOR SWATOW.

3, JAPAN, FOR GUAM.

CLEARED.

YESSO, FOR SWATOW, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

PER CITY OF TOKIO, FROM SAN FRANCISCO,

MRS. HENDERSON AND INFANT, MRS. W. O.

WISE, MRS. E. C. HICE, MRS. H. C. GRAHAM,

CAPT. E. O. MATTHEWS, U.S.N., CAPT. R.

CULM, U.S.N.E., DR. AYRES, U.S.N., AND

R. AGNEW, U.S.N., 3 EUROPEAN AND 665

CHINESE IN STEERAGE.

PER DOUGLAS, FROM COAST PORTS, MESSRS.

WALKER, BRADLEY, AND GIQUEL, AND 90 CHINESE.

DEPARTED.

PER HAD

sager to effect transactions; to-day it is quoted at \$4.00 per picul for the superior quality, with a still higher tendency. There are some demands for rice in the grain market, and the price ranges from 15 rupees a \$2 per cavan. The crop in the interior of this province was a middling one; in the Negros, which was the most important of all, the locusts have destroyed nearly the whole crop. Nothing is reported from Iloilo and Capiz. There is no important information to be reported in Sapeewood, and from day to day the trade is declining. The British barque *Caledonian* and *Monarch* have their cargoes discharged to allow for repair of damages, occasioned by the typhoon of the 27th November last, being effected.

Norfolk, Dec. 19.—Ordinary Rice is quoted at \$2 and 2 rls. per cavan; White, \$2 and 4 rls. Hemp, from \$5 to \$5 and 1 rl. per picul. Coconut, \$1 and 2 rls. per hundred; Oil, at 4 rls. per ganta.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Nov. 24, 1876.

The more that is known of the Convention the less it is liked. People here connected with China fully follow the views expressed by you in commenting upon it, and look upon the admission of the Chinese to levy certain duties upon foreign goods as extremely pernicious and likely to neutralize in a great measure if not entirely the concessions made with respect to the levy of transit dues. You would however, be scarcely surprised at the weakness of the attitude which has to be habitually adopted by our Minister at Pekin, if you heard the peculiar comments which are made by people here with reference to all China matters.

A day or two ago I was speaking to a gentleman of sound common sense and much intelligence upon general matters, about the Convention just concluded, and his remark was that Sir Thos. Wade deserved great credit for having "steered clear" of a war—it being evident by his impression that the Chinese are a most dangerous and warlike people, and that it requires great tact to avoid incurring the terrible results of their warlike prowess. I suspect the gentleman in question is by no means singular in his view of the subject, and that there are very many more well educated people in England who look upon going to war with China and going to war with say France, Germany or Russia in much the same light. As long as this is the case, the Government is forced to adopt a most cautious attitude, and this being followed by the Minister at the capital, is soon perceived by the Chinese, who know they have only to hold out sufficiently long to get all they wish. I suspect that Sir Thos. Wade was pretty sharply pulled up by the Foreign Office for the small amount of warlike ness even which he displayed.

A good deal of comment has been elicited of late by the fact that the French mail starting from China a week later than the English, overtook the latter, and was delivered in London the same day. The French mail homeward nearly always does the journey in at least four days less than the English. To this people have become pretty well accustomed, but they were scarcely prepared to find the two mails arriving on the same day. I hear that the reason why the P. & O. are so slow is not that their vessels are not powerful enough to do the journey more speedily but that they fear if they showed all they can do that the Government would shorten the contract time, and they would consequently be more liable to incur penalties than they are at present. Whatever this explanation is worth, I understand upon very good authority that it is the one made. To me it seems somewhat weak, as assuredly the time must come when our Government will discover what the French steamers can do and will make demands accordingly upon the P. & O. It seems to be very bad policy for them to pursue not to make the voyage as short as possible; as people are so much in favour of quiet passage that the French mail steamers are daily increasing in popularity on this ground alone. The P. & O. have very much risen in public estimation of late in other respects, and it seems a mistake for them to leave this large loop hole to their competitors to gain popularity at their expense.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

We are indebted to the *Straits Observer* for the following telegrams, which are later than those we published last night:—

London, Dec. 15, 1876.—The *Galley of Lorne* has collided with the *Angus* (1). Both vessels are at Gibraltar badly damaged.

London, Dec. 16, 1876.—A Plenary Conference will take place next week.

A Government despatch from Vilayet on the Danube informs the Forte, that Russian Agents are inciting the Bulgarians to send a deputation to Constantinople to solicit Russian occupation.

London, Dec. 17, 1876.—The St. Petersburg *Herald* states that the neutral occupation of Bulgaria is the extreme limit of Russia's concession. The Forte, however, rejects any foreign occupation. The Turkish armaments are being pushed forward with great energy.

The Preliminary Conference is ended; no formal resolution has been drawn up.

General Ignatieff has informed Lord Salisbury that Russia would accept Swiss or Belgian occupation of Bulgaria.

England has not yet replied to the suggestion.

London, Dec. 21, 1876.—The Deputies have declared that Italy cannot abandon the Treaty of Paris. All the Envoyas at the Conference have approved "ad referendum" General Ignatieff's proposal. Despatches, approving their decisions are expected.

The Cabinet has deferred a resolution on the question of the occupation of Bulgaria pending reference to the Queen.

Russia proposes that Bulgaria should be occupied by Belgian troops to the number of 6,000.

Lord Beaconsfield is adverse to this occupation, thinking it inadequate.

The acceptance of Belgium is doubtful. Switzerland has already declined the suggestion to occupy Bulgaria.

Lord Beaconsfield is unwilling.

Perse is closely watching the Eastern question, and in the event of a war will probably occupy Bagdad.

The Sentinels of a fortress at Belgrade

have fired on an Austrian Monitor. Owing to this incident, the Servian Ministry has resigned.

A telegram has been received this morning (23rd) stating that the Siamese Embassy arrived safely in Calcutta on the 17th instant.

We are informed that His Excellency the Governor received a telegram this morning (23rd) informing him that Mahatir Lelah and the six prisoners have all been found guilty by the Malay Tribunal which tried them for the murder of Mr. Birch, and they have been condemned to be hanged.

Considering the length of time that the men have been kept in prison in Singapore, and that they were sent for trial to Larut, a place far from the locality of the crime, and the witnesses they might have been able to call, we have little doubt that the Governor will consider it to be an occasion when he may properly extend his prerogative of mercy to the least guilty of these miserable people.

We are happy to inform our readers that we learn, from undoubted authority, that the disturbance in Deli and Lankat, are at an end, and confidence is restored among the Europeans. The place, where the insurgents had assembled, has been attacked and burnt down. The chief man saved himself by flight, but his followers are mostly in the hands of Justice, and a strong lesson will probably be taught them. Serdang has not been molested, and tobacco planting is going on successfully.

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The news received by the P. M. S. S. *City of Tokio* is considerably electoral, so much so that there is very little else of interest to be found in her files. There has been a tremendous fire at New Orleans (December 1st) destroying 112 houses and \$300,000 to \$400,000 worth of property. A negro detected setting fire to one of the houses was instantly shot.—Says the *Alta* of Dec. 1.—The steamer *City of Tokio*, which has been laid up for nearly a year, and has been almost entirely remodelled and will sail for China and Japan to-morrow with a very heavy cargo, including 1501 flasks Quicksilver, 2,000 barrels Flour, and a Treasure list already aggregating nearly half a million dollars.

The same paper says—Gold reached a lower point to-day (Nov. 29) than at any previous time since 1873, the rate at 11 a.m. being 108\$, closing at 108\$.

Trade Dollars were selling at par to-day (Dec. 1) at several banks. Two months ago this coin was ten per cent discount. It is believed a corner has been effected in the market.

A fire in Chicago on the 30th Nov. destroyed property amounting to \$260,000.

China.

FOOCHOW.

(*Herald*, Dec. 28.)

The Customs cruiser *Felis* arrived in port on the 23rd instant, and left for the South on the 27th. Mr. Henderson, the Customs Engineer-in-Chief, is on board—engaged in his annual survey of Light-houses.

The entries for the Race Meeting to be held on the 5th, 6th, and 8th proximo, closed during the week. There are 18 candidates for the *compradores*' Cup, and 34 for the Consolation Stakes.

The Canton "boy" to whose case we referred in our last issue, has we hear been re-arrested, and committed to prison on the original charge of theft. It is gratifying to find that in this instance Cantonese chivalry had not been permitted to interfere with the ordinary course of justice.

The A. D. C. announced the second performance of the season for to-morrow (Friday) evening, the 29th instant, when the comedietta "A Family Failure" and the farce "A Blighted Being" would be played; but in consequence of the sudden death of Mr. Vice-Consul Carroll, the performance has since been postponed.

The Christmas festivities have interfered to some extent with training at the "Camp," but on the whole, a fair amount of hard work has been done during the week. The Griffins are not as a body improving, and the entire mob will, we are informed, bear a very considerable reprimand. The lotteries are announced for Saturday evening next, at the Club House, at 8.30 o'clock punctually.

An enterprise of a most useful character, to which we have on several previous occasions alluded, appears to be gaining fair way. We refer to the little steamer *Taiwan*, which is slowly but surely obtaining the patronage and increased support of the native public. The *Taiwan* carries Kwang Tou, calling at Pagoda Anchorage and other places en route.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death of Mr. O'Carroll, H. B. M.'s Vice-Consul at Pagoda Anchorage. Mr. Carroll had been in weak health for a considerable time prior to his decease, which took place this morning. By his untimely end, the Consular Service is deprived of an old and experienced officer of nearly twenty years standing. In private life, the deceased gentleman was much esteemed by his intimate friends and acquaintances.

A very serious encounter between Honan and Provincial troops took place on Saturday last. It appears that a regiment of the former, being under orders for Formosa, were about to leave for Pagoda Anchorage without effecting the customary settlement of accounts. Sums of money due to certain rice-shops were claimed, and finally regulated by the Honan men, who, in addition to refusing payment of the claims ill-used the shopkeepers; whereupon the latter sailed on the Provincial troops, quartered at the South Camp, for assistance. A regular *massacre* ensued, in which three men were killed and several wounded on both sides. The shindy lasted for about an hour, and was only terminated by the intervention of nearly the entire garrison.

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Perse is closely watching the Eastern question, and in the event of a war will probably occupy Bagdad.

The Sentinels of a fortress at Belgrade

overland to the City, where they still remain in open defiance of the Authorities, and a terror to the peaceful inhabitants. Five of the ringleaders were beheaded on Tuesday, and more are awaiting punishment.

It is not the first time that we have had occasion to notice the ruffianly behaviour of these Honan troops, and when they take their *coupé*, the orderly inhabitants of the city and suburbs will have good reason to rejoice on being rid of such pests. If they desire to try consultations with the Formosan Aborigines, (concerning which we entertain grave doubt) they will get fighting to their heart's content.

Yesterday our Camp friends had a friendly match at Cricket with the officers and men of H. M.'s *Hornet*. The weather could not have been finer, although the sun was a little too strong. The Foochow eleven got the choice, and sent Messrs. Paterson and Sproule to the wicket—the latter was disposed of for 2, when Sanderson handled the willow. Paterson was shortly afterwards sent back to the tent with 9 well-earned ones; the runs came tumbling in, but shortly afterwards Sanderson was well caught and bowled by Lieutenant Rich, the Captain of the gunboat team, after having scored 8. Grog was the next to join Phipps, and they both set to work in earnest, till Phipps was replaced by Dunn, who was soon knocked out for a duck's egg. Nind next joined the wicket but was shortly afterwards disposed of, having contributed a hard-earned 19. Haslam then took position, and was shortly back at the tent for 1. Weeks followed with a single; and the last man, much to everyone's surprise, made good stand and had only time to secure 7, when Nind had to retire—having placed a similar sum to his credit. This with extras, brought the total up to 119, and tiffin was then announced. After tiffin, the Blue Jackets had their innings. We have no copy of the score, but suffice to say that Phipps and Baker succeeded in utterly demoralizing the Jacks—who however played a plucky up-hill game for 33. The Foochow was too good for them, and they were again out for 28. Foochow thus won in one innings, and had 60 runs to spare.

The chief features of the game were Lieut. Rich's bowling on the Naval side, and one or two pretty little pieces of fielding at point. While on the Club side, Messrs. Phipps, Baker, and Nind bowled uncommonly well. Mr. Sanderson at the wicket was excellent, and Mr. Sproule long stopped very well. Meers, Ogle and Leitch performed duty as Umpires in a most satisfactory manner.

Tea.—Transactions since the 21st instant have been of an unimportant character—the quantity of *Congou* actually declared as settled being about 9,000 chests, at slightly lower prices for less desirable quality. Arrivals of leaf have almost ceased, and holders of stock are anxious to realize at current rates, but, with a few exceptions, buyers hold aloof.

Total arrivals of *Congou*.... 787,650 chests. " settlements " 710,674

Stock, 26,976 chests.

Total arrivals of *Oolong*.... 81,200 lbs. " settlements " 80,156

Stock, 1,044 lbs.

Total arrivals of *Souchong*.... 44,000 chests. " settlements " 43,431

Stock, 569 chests.

Total arrivals of *Scented Tea*.... 87,600 boxes. " settlements " 87,800

Stock, Nil. boxes.

Tea Export.—To London—55,767,375 lbs. against 65,202,871 lbs. at the corresponding period of last season.

SHANGHAI. (News.)

Telegrams were received yesterday, (Dec. 28th) quoting Silver 56½d, weak; and English Council drafts 1s. 9½d. Exchange dropped here in consequence, at the close of the mail.

Correspondent remarks on the delay in recovery of the cities along the banks of the Canal beyond Foochow. "It is," he writes, "twelve years since I last went down the Canal, and I was astounded to find the cities, especially Wodoo, pretty much the same heaps of ruins they were in 1864. In Changshu, a few joss-houses had been rebuilt, but little else."

Yesterday morning a number of natives were engaged removing a boulder at the foundry of Messrs. Boyd & Co., at Foochow, when the task by which it was suspended gave way. Three of the men were seriously injured, and were removed to the hospital on the French Bund. One of the three died shortly after his admission to the institution, and the life of one of the others is despaired of, he having sustained a dangerous fracture of the skull. The third man was injured on the back, and is expected to recover.

The Peking *Gazette* of the 1st December contains a noteworthy memorial from the Governor-General of Hukwang, protesting against an order which looks very much as though it had been devised in the interests of the C.M.S.N. Co. Since the rebellion, the grain tax in that province has been paid in money; but the Board of Revenue has ordered a return to the old system of payment in kind. The memorial protests that the change would involve great expense, and be a hardship to the people. He shall send the money commutation as before, this year, and requests that the Board of Revenue may be directed to reconsider the matter, as regards the future.

The same *Gazette* contains a memorial from the Viceroy of Nanking, requesting that the grain from the provinces north of the Yangtze may be sent by steamer, at any rate till the Grand Canal is cleared.

We have several times called attention to the difficulties which were experienced during the past season in getting the grain through the Canal; and the officials concerned are evidently anxious to avoid another season of such worry. They are right so far, but it would be a singular

pity to let that magnificent water-way become obliterated, and there will be danger of that result if it is altogether abandoned as a grain route.

NINGPO.

The Chinese are greatly interested at present in the fate of a theatrical troupe which is endeavouring to perform here, but to which the officials show hostility. They first hired a theatre under the City Wall, and the Chinese crowded to see them in great numbers; so great, in fact, that they could not all get in, and some disturbance arose in consequence. The people, accustomed to free admission to theatrical performances in joss-houses, &c., did not like being shut out when they were willing to pay.

Accordingly they began stoning the place and a proclamation was immediately put out by the officials, closing the theatre. This left the lessee a heavy loser, as he had expended money on fitting, and had long engagements with the members of the troupe. It is reported accordingly that he has come to terms with a foreigner, who has bought a piece of ground and is erecting a theatre in the Foreign Settlement, at which the performances are to be resumed; but the officials have got wind of the arrangement and have fulminated another proclamation, forbidding it by anticipation. The troupe shall absolutely not perform in Ningpo.—The building, however, is going on, and it remains to be seen whether the officials will be able to make good their stand.

It is difficult to see on what ground they are going to prevent a foreigner hiring a Chinese troupe to give performances in a house belonging to himself, and charging Chinese an entrance fee if they choose to go in and look on. Chinese theatres exist in Shanghai why should they be forbidden in Ningpo? Indeed, it looks very much as if there were some reason in the background for this hostility. It is suggested that the Prefect's people have not had a proper squeeze. The real Prefect is said to have been propitiated, but he went to Hangchow on business connected with the Examinations, and the acting man has not been properly managed.

Another is that there is something wrong about the troupe itself, that it was ordered away from the North, and ordered away from Shanghai, and that it may have a weakness for performing political plays of an objectionable character.

However this may be, it is certain that the Chinese are immensely interested in the question, which has some interest for foreigners also, in its promised development.—*N. G. D. New.*

COMMERCIAL.

January 3.

The rates for both kinds of Bengal Opium have fluctuated since last notice. The receipt of advice of a moderate supply of Patna coming forward by the direct steamers, has naturally made the holders of the drug firmer, though in view of the near approach of the arrival of fresh supplies, there has been greater disposition latterly to work off the old stock upon easier terms. The business of the fortnight is however to a fair extent, and the native dealers appear to operate for actual requirements only, less a fall in the rate may take place by the higher ruling of the rate of exchange. The quotation to-day is given at \$1.50.

For Benares the local demand has been again of a restricted nature, but the call for the drug from the Coast ports has aided in the reduction of its stock.



Mails.

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Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
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KASHGAR, Captain BAKER, will leave
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Hongkong, December 27, 1876.

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pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Port, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

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Freight will be received on board until
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.
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Connection is made at Yokohama, with
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Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

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OLYPHANT & Co.,
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Hongkong, April 17, 1876.

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A. MAC G. HEATON.

Hongkong, September 27, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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For further information apply to the
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D. C. PRESGRAVE,
Municipal Secretary,
Penang,
Municipal Office,
The 21st September, 1876.

P. F. DA SILVA,
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